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Letter dated 20 October 1995 from the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to enclose herewith a statement issued jointly on 20 October 1995 by the Governments of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning their intention to sign the relevant protocols to the Treaty of Rarotonga in the first half of 1996.

May we ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint statement issued on 20 October 1995 by the Governments of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

The Governments of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America believe that internationally recognized nuclear-weapon-free zones, on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, can contribute to international peace and security. The 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons recognized this fact and encouraged the creation of such zones as a matter of priority. The Conference also recognized that the cooperation of all the nuclear-weapon States and their respect and support for the relevant protocols is necessary for the maximum effectiveness of such nuclear-weapon-free zones and the relevant protocols. In this regard, we are jointly announcing today our intention to sign the relevant protocols to the Treaty of Rarotonga in the first half of 1996.